- 3rd phase of expansion of the Scheme of ICDS for 792 additional Projects, 2.13 lakh additional Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and 77102 Mini-AWCs with special focus on coverage of SC/ST and Minority population.
- Introduction of cost sharing between Centre and States, with effect from the financial year 2009-10, in the following ratio:
- 90:10 for all components including SNP for North East;
- 50:50 for SNP and 90:10 for all other components for all States other than North East.
- Revision in financial norms of supplementary nutrition as under:-

Sl. No.	Category	Existing	Revised (per beneficiary per day)
1.	Children (6-72 months)	Rs. 2.00	Rs.4.00
2.	Severely malnourished children (6-72 months)	Rs.2.70	Rs.6.00
3.	Pregnant women and Nursing mothers	Rs.2.30	Rs.5.00

- Enhancement of honoraria by Rs. 500 above the last honorarium drawn by Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and by Rs. 250 of the last honorarium drawn by Helpers of AWCs and Workers of Mini-AWCs;
- Revision in financial norms of existing interventions to improve the service delivery;
- Provision of flexi funds at Anganwadi level;
- Strengthening of Management Information System (MIS) and
- Revision in cost norms of Training component of ICDS Scheme.

Child free zones

2310. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public fora are demanding child free zones in areas like restaurants, theatres, hotels, resorts and air flights;

(b) whether such child free zones are already operating in countries like US, Mauritius, Fiji, Carribean and Australia;

(c) whether, under the prevalent Indian laws, children could be barred access to private areas like hotels, theatres and restaurants; and

(d) if not, whether Government is likely to consider creation of child free zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) It was reported recently in the media that there is a

demand from a certain section of the society for making child free zones in restaurants, theatres, airflights, etc. It was also reported that such child free zones are in operation in other countries. However, no proposal has been received in the Ministry for creating child free zones.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

World Bank recommendations on ICDS

2311. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has recently made recommendations concerning the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);

(b) if so, what are the major recommendations; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of working women's hostels

†2312. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:
SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for establishment of working women's hostels;

(b) if so, the sailent features thereof;

(c) whether Government has also received some proposals in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government proposes to construct additional working women's hostels during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the amount allocated or proposed to be allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government is in the process of revamping the existing scheme of assistance for construction of Working Women's Hostels. Some of the salient features of the revamped scheme are: I) 50% assistance towards purchase of land, II) 75% assistance for construction of building, III) one time grant of Rs. 7500/- for each inmate for infrastructural facilities.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.